



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hartmut H. Gerdes )  
 App. No. : 10/816,515 )  
 Filed : March 31, 2004 )  
 For : **DOCUMENT ENHANCEMENT** )  
       **APPARATUS** )  
 Examiner : Stephen Choi )  
 Group Art Unit: 3724 )

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**RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT - ELECTION**

10 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

15 This Election is responsive to Examiner Choi's Notice Requiring Extension of Time Fee,  
 mailed to Applicant February 23, 2006. Examiner Choi sent the Notice Requiring Extension of Time  
 Fee in response to Applicant's response to a Restriction Requirement mailed October 28, 2005. In  
 the Notice Requiring Extension of Time Fee, the Examiner states that Applicant must include the text  
 of withdrawn claims, and further that the Examiner did not receive Applicant's extension fee in the  
 20 amount of \$225. Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's faxed response to the Examiner's  
 Restriction Requirement was filed such that a fee of \$225 should be required, as will be discussed  
 further below.

Applicant herewith elects Species B, claimed in pending Claims 10 – 23. Applicant has herein  
 withdrawn Claims 1 – 6. Applicant's response to the Restriction Requirement correspondence was  
 25 faxed to the Examiner, January 30, 2006, which is the first business day after January 28, 2006.

Applicant is mailing the required extension fee of \$225 for a two month extension. Applicant  
 respectfully submits that this paper has been filed on the first business day following a weekend

(January 28<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday) deadline to avoid additional extension fees. Hence, Applicant submits that no additional extension fee is required beyond the \$225, and the application is now ready for advancement in examination. If Applicant's understanding is incorrect, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's notification, by phone if possible, so that Applicant can respond in the  
5 timeliest fashion. No new matter is added herein.